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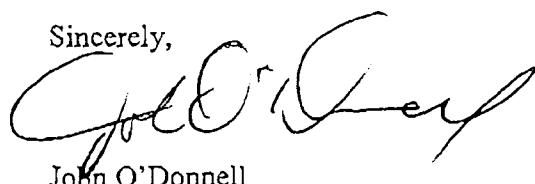
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. It is time that this foolishness comes to a prompt end. More than enough time has been used to cover all of the bases and I feel that it is just a political standoff at this point.

The terms of the settlement make apparent to me the intense lobbying efforts of Microsoft's competition as they will be granted new rights to configure Windows so that non-Microsoft products can be promoted more easily and also be given interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products.

Even though these concessions do not actually protect consumers and just help Microsoft's competitors that were unable to be innovative on their own, I urge your office to finalize the settlement. It is in the best interests of our economy, IT sector, and public for the case to end and our country to move on. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John O'Donnell', written in a cursive style.

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